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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Choi et al.

Application Serial No.: 08/961,083

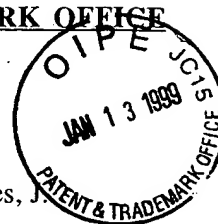
Art Unit: 1641

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For: Streptococcus Pneumoniae Antigens
and Vaccines

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Election And Response With Traverse Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 26 October 1998, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, Group I represented by claims 1-9 and 13 for further prosecution. Applicants further elect the nucleic acid sequences encoding the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS:42, 56, 66, 68, 140, 158, 178, 218, 220, and 222, represented in part by the polynucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS:41, 55, 65, 67, 139, 157, 177, 217, 219, and 221. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final.

Submitted concurrently herewith is: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of two months, up to and including 26 January 1999, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (c) an Information Disclosure Statement with a Form PTO-1449; and (d) Response to Notice to Comply and accompanying documents.

In the specification:

Please enter the sequence listing submitted herewith (pages 111-388) into the specification and renumber the remaining pages of the specification, claims and abstract accordingly.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, and 20.

Please add the following claims:

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